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In re application of:
Rex A. Hoover et al DECISION ON PETITION
Serial No.: 09/805,142
Filed: March 14, 2001
For: FORENSIC MICROSCOPY SYSTEM

This is a decision on the petition received on March 19, 2003, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. 1.113 in timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed May 14, 2001. Which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. Accordingly, this application became abandoned July 15, 2001. The notice of abandonment was mailed March 10, 2003.

On March 19, 2003, the office received a communication from the attorney of record. Enclosed was an acknowledgment that the attorney responded to the Notice to File Missing Parts on May 29, 2001.

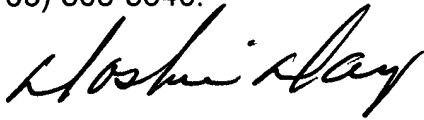
The evidence submitted is sufficient to establish that the petitioners responded to the Notice to File Missing Parts on May 29, 2001.

The petition is hereby GRANTED.

The application has been completed for release to Technology Center 2621.

The office regrets any inconvenience this may have caused the client.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to Doshie E. Day at (703) 308-3640.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doshie E. Day". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

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